Testimony in support of HB-6355

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, ranking members Kissel and Fishbein and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Lucian Giordano, I am from Danbury, CT and a supporter of CT Against Gun Violence. I am a self-employed music producer and member of the Danbury Democratic Town Committee representing Ward 7. I am also a member of Action Together CT, a non-profit group focused on political and community action that supports progressive values. My wife, Carolyn Giordano, also from Danbury, CT, is also a supporter of CT Against Gun Violence. She is a Director of Market Research for Willis Towers Watson.

We are testifying in favor of HB-6355, An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders.

Because firearm suicide accounts for up to two-thirds of gun deaths and is the second leading cause of suicide in Connecticut, there is an urgent need to strengthen our ERPO law to help it save more lives.

We ask that you favorably report HB-6355 out of committee so that the General Assembly can vote to strengthen our Extreme Risk Protection law so that it works harder to prevent firearm suicide and homicide. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lucian and Carolyn Giordano Danbury, CT